

- O—Opportunity: Blossoming in Birmingham daily. Wholesale houses, distributing agencies and diversified manufacturing have exceptional opportunities in Birmingham.
- P—Payroll: A million a week. Birmingham products go around the world.
- Q—Query: Why don't you move to Birmingham, an excellent place to live and make a living.
- R—Railroads: 8 great systems radiate from Birmingham; also 180 miles of street railway. The best steel rail in the world is made in Birmingham.
- S—Sanitation: One of the best sewered and paved cities in America. Has an efficient City Health Department.
- T—Tax Rate: Municipal, \$1.00 per 100.
- U—Urban population, 276,726. Second largest city in the South.
- V—Value: Investments in Birmingham are staple and pay desirable dividends. Real estate is especially attractive to the investor.
- W—Water: Bacteriologically pure, chemically analyzed daily.
- X—The unknown quantity in mathematics: The only unknown quantity in Birmingham is the limits of its possibilities.
- Y—Youth: Birmingham was founded 1871. It is also a young man's town.
- Z—Zeal: Manifested by all the people of Birmingham in promoting the welfare of the city.

Presbyterian Churches.

According to the Assembly's Minutes for 1916, there are eleven Presbyterian churches in Birmingham. There are several others in the surrounding towns and suburbs. These churches and their pastors are as follows:

First, Rev. J. S. Foster, D. D.
Second, Rev. W. J. Garrison.
Third, Rev. J. A. Bryan.
Woodlawn, Rev. W. C. Clark, D. D.
East Lake, Rev. T. P. Hay, D. D.
Vine Street, Rev. J. W. Hickman.
South Highlands, Rev. J. S. Johnson, D. D.
Attalla, Rev. H. C. Kegley.
Handley Memorial, Rev. J. F. Turner.
Thirty-Fifth Avenue, vacant.
Hardie Chapel, vacant.

South Highlands Church.

This church is to be the host of the Assembly. Rev. Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson has been the pastor for about two years. He is considered an excellent preacher of the pure gospel, an energetic, earnest, faithful and sympathetic pastor. He is a good leader, and has the confidence, love and esteem, not only of his own people, but of all who know him.

A year ago this church had 11 elders, 10 deacons, a resident membership of 302, 72 of whom had been received during the preceding year. There were 199 in the Sunday-school. During the year the church gave \$9,461 for its own expenses and \$4,021 for the benevolent causes of the church.

During the second day's sessions, in the recommendation given for Young People's Work, the point was made that the women of the Church very often feel that the Young People's Work is entirely out of their province, and something with which they have nothing to do; and the recommendation was made, "That each woman in East Hanover Presbyterian should assume personal responsibility to pray definitely for the Young People in her Church."

In the splendid and stirring addresses from two missionaries, one from Korea, and the other from China, the need and power of prayer was again emphasized in a remarkable way. Mr. Charles Pratt, of Korea, told in an appealing way of the need there; and earnestly asked for thirty more missionaries, and \$75,000 to the North Kiangsu Mission. Both he and Miss Sallie Lacy, of the North Kiangsu Mission, China, seemed to feel that now is the great crisis and opportunity. It was wonderful how these two people, the one from China, the other from Korea, said practically the same thing in different words. Both begged to have more, more, done—both stressed the need of equipment, helpers, doctors, teachers, etc.—both said that absolutely the only hope of getting all of these was through prayer. Miss Lacy laid North Kiangsu Mission on our hearts, and asked for earnest, fervent, prayer for the work there. In closing, she told the following incident:

Two very dear friends, on the departure of one as a missionary to China, made the following "covenant," that the one who went should constantly write to the one who remained full accounts of the mission station, the converts, his trials and difficulties, and everything that happened to him. The one who remained was to pray constantly for his friend, bringing to God all of his difficulties and problems, and bearing him constantly on his heart. After the friends had been separated for many years, a returned missionary from China made an address which was heard by the friend who stayed at home. After the talk was over he went up and engaged the missionary in conversation, asking him many questions about his friend's station, the converts there, the life of the missionaries, etc. The missionary was much surprised at his knowledge of conditions, and asked him if he had been there. The friend said, "No," and told him the circumstances of the "covenant." "Ah," said the missionary, "now I understand it all. We never knew why it was that station was blessed so far above the others. Why he was so much more successful than we, and his results so sure. It was you who, working with him at home, carried him to the feet of the Father, and helped him to accomplish this great work."

Friends, it seemed to me that this was the message for our society, from the Presbyterian—that in striving for increased membership, for increased efficiency during the year to come, we should remember the great lever that is able to accomplish so much, and remembering, put it to the test.

A delegate from First Church, Richmond, Va.

Report West Hanover Presbyterian.

Number Churches	46
Number Societies, Adult	34
Number Members, Adult	782
Increase in Membership over last year	115
Societies enrolled, but not reporting	8
Number Societies organized last year	2
Copies Missionary Survey taken	109
Number Mission Study Classes:	

Foreign	2
Home	1

Contributions.

Foreign	\$1,296.00
Home Missions:	
Assembly's	160.00
Synodical	76.00
Presbyterial	877.00
Congregational	146.00
Ch'r. Edu. & Min. Relief.	183.00
S. S. Extension & Pub.	22.00
Schools & Colleges	4.00
Bible Causes	11.00
Orphans' Homes	82.00
Miscellaneous Benevolences.	64.00
Contributions Not Benevolent	1,765.00
Contingent Fund Pd. for Presbyterial and Synodical	81.00
Total to all Causes	\$4,767.00

Amount per Capita	\$ 6.09
Increase	1,384.00

Standard of Excellence.

10 per cent. increase in membership.
20 per cent. increase in gifts.
Attained the Standard of Excellence.

To Other Presbyterials Throughout the South.

If you had happy, helpful things reported at your meetings, share all this with others. There is space on this page for your report.

See West Hanover's and East Hanover's; and others are coming.

C. L. C.

A Message—Women of Virginia.

There is a real need and an earnest call from some of our smaller churches for Mission Study books which you have used, and will not probably use again.

These societies have small means and feel that they can not buy the books. They would rejoice to receive copies of The South Today; or of The Living Christ for Latin-America; or maybe some other book, not too old in its information.

If you can give up these books, I will be happy to place them where needed, if sent to me; or I would send you an address if you so desired, and you could mail them by parcel post direct to the society needing them.

May I hear from you at once?

Carrie Lee Campbell,
Syn. Sec. For. Missions,
319 W. Grace St.,
Richmond, Va.

Greenbrier Presbyterian Auxiliary was held April 24, 25 and 26 in the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg, W. Va., with a full attendance of delegates, and quite a number of visitors.

The reports showed that we have reason to feel very much encouraged over the work done by our societies this year.

We were very fortunate in having Mrs. C. K. Cumming, of Japan, and Miss Edith Houston, of Cuba, with us. Both added greatly to the interest of the meeting.

Several societies have reached the standard of excellence this year.

Our meeting for 1918 will be held in Beckley, W. Va.

Alice Kramer,
Rec. Sec.

Norfolk Presbyterian Auxiliary held its fifteenth annual meeting in the Knox Presbyterian church, Norfolk, Va., April 19-21, 1917, with Mrs. D. N. McLaughlin, president, presiding. The meeting opened with the Communion service, conducted by Rev. W. H. T. Squires, D. D., pastor of Knox church. The roll call showed this to be the largest meeting of Norfolk Presbyterian Auxiliary ever held, there being 166 representatives present. The reports of the officers and of the various societies were most encour-

Women's Societies

MISSIONS IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

By Miss C. L. Campbell.

"Pray the Lord of the harvest."
"Ask and ye shall receive."

So many requests have come for suggestions as to how to put missions in Sunday-school, that we have planned to give on this page, for many coming weeks, an exercise requiring five minutes or less. But the suggestion is urgently made that the Missionary Secretary of every Sunday-school write at once to Dr. John I. Armstrong, of Nashville, Tenn., and ask for the splendid missionary programs planned for Sunday-schools for Children's Day.

You can have programs for each separate department, or general programs,—and all for the asking. Be sure—be very sure—to tell him just how many you need.

For future work, get a large missionary map of the world (\$3.50 from the Missionary Education Movement, New York City) and watch this page for helps in using it, and other things.

East Hanover Presbyterian, Emporia, Va.

The Presbyterian set forth before us such a feast of good things that it seems well-nigh impossible to bring back to you anything like an adequate idea of what was said and done. This much may be said, that those who go to the meetings must be helped and stimulated, while it ought to help the individual society wonderfully if we who go as delegates do our duty in reporting when we return.

As I understand that the very full and accurate minutes of the Presbyterian are to be read before our society, I am going to give at this time only an "impression" of the meetings, bringing out especially one thing which struck me in them, one golden

thread which ran like a flame through them all. I think it must have struck many who were there in the same way, though there was evidently no prearrangement, nothing said about it beforehand, which gave it all the more significance. This golden thread, this burning flame of the spirit, was the stress which was laid on prayer. At least five different speakers at different times throughout the two days' sessions, said in the most emphatic way, that prayer was the one thing most needed by the Church today in the great work which she is trying to do.

Miss Campbell, first, in her Missionary Rally, gave us through the "Eye Gate" a demonstration that in all the needs of the foreign field, prayer is the one thing which includes all else, the one weapon which conquers and overcomes all things.

The president, Miss Pauline Grant, in her "Conference on Woman's Work," told how many women were out of church societies, 130,000 in the Assembly,—and after making suggestions how to reach those who have not been reached, and enlarge membership in individual societies, some of the suggestions being, the "Win One" campaign, written invitations, team work, the circle plan, that of dividing the women into small circles—after these and also suggestions how to increase the efficiency of societies, she laid most emphatic stress upon the "Need and Power of Prayer." She said that if a few women would get together and pray, not just before the meeting, but some days before, a week before, or more, that the power of the Spirit would undoubtedly be felt both during the meeting, and in its after effects in a way that would be simply incalculable. In closing her talk she said she wished to emphasize again the power of prayer and to state that it was the foundation on which should be built everything that was worth while in our organizations.